

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
OCALA DIVISION

AMY LEE BARRETT,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No: 5:20-cv-535-PRL

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL  
SECURITY,

Defendant.

---

ORDER

This matter is before the Court on the Commissioner's Unopposed Motion for Entry of Judgment with Remand in which Defendant seeks to remand this case so that the Commissioner can take further administrative action. (Doc. 28).

Pursuant to Title 42, United States Code, §405(g) the Court is empowered to reverse the decision of the Commissioner with or without remanding the cause for a rehearing. *Shalala v. Schaefer*, 113 S. Ct. 2625 (1993). The failure of the ALJ to develop the record constitutes sufficient grounds for remand. *Brissette v. Heckler*, 730 F.2d 548 (8th Cir. 1984), *appeal after remand* 613 F. Supp. 722 (E.D. Mo. 1985), *judgment aff'd in part, rev'd in part*, 784 F.2d 864 (8th Cir. 1986). Where the district court cannot discern the basis for the Commissioner's decision, a sentence-four remand may be appropriate to allow him to explain the basis for his decision. *Falcon v. Heckler*, 732 F.2d 827, 829-30 (11th Cir. 1984) (holding remand was appropriate to allow the ALJ to explain the basis for the determination that the claimant's depression did not significantly affect her ability to work and treating psychologist acknowledged that claimant had improved in response to

treatment and could work in a supportive, noncompetitive, tailor-made work environment). On remand under sentence four, the ALJ should review the case on a complete record, including any new material evidence. *Diorio v. Heckler*, 721 F.2d 726, 729 (11th Cir. 1983) (finding that it was necessary for the ALJ on remand to consider psychiatric report tendered to Appeals Council); *Reeves v. Heckler*, 734 F.2d 519, 522 n. 1 (11th Cir. 1984) (holding that the ALJ should consider on remand the need for an orthopedic evaluation).

Upon due consideration, the Commissioner's Motion (Doc. 28) is **GRANTED** and this action is **REVERSED** and **REMANDED** pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g)<sup>1</sup> to the Commissioner for the following reason:

On remand, the ALJ will instruct the ALJ to: (1) consolidate the claim files and associate the evidence from Plaintiff's December 2019 application for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and her May 2016 applications for disability insurance benefits (DIB) and SSI; (2) take any further action to complete the administrative record; (3) offer Plaintiff an opportunity for a new hearing; and (4) issue a new decision.

The Clerk is directed to enter judgment accordingly and close the file.

**DONE** and **ORDERED** in Ocala, Florida on September 21, 2021.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
PHILIP R. LAMMENS  
United States Magistrate Judge

Copies furnished to:  
Counsel of Record  
Unrepresented Parties

---

<sup>1</sup> Remand pursuant to sentence four of § 405(g) makes the Plaintiff a prevailing party for purposes of the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412, and terminates this Court's jurisdiction over this matter. *Shalala v. Schaefer*, 509 U.S. 292 (1993).